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of	Dece	mber 31, 2011, are true and correct. I further swear (or affirm) that
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		Control Requirements Under Rule 15c3-3.
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	Computation for Determination of the Re	serve Requirements Under Exhibit A of Rule 15c3-3.
□(k)	A reconciliation between the audited and	unaudited Statements of Financial Condition with respect to methods of
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区(I)	An Oath or Affirmation.	
	A copy of the SIPC Supplemental Report	
	Independent Auditors' Report on Internal	acies found to exist or found to have existed since the date of the previous audit. Accounting Control

^{**} For conditions of confidential treatment of certain portions of this filing, see section 240.17a-5(e) (3).

ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2011

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ASCENDIANT CAPITAL MARKETS, LLC

STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION

DECEMBER 31, 2011

The report is filed in accordance with Rule 17a-5(e)(3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as a **PUBLIC DOCUMENT**.

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INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

To the Member of Ascendiant Capital Markets, LLC

We have audited the accompanying statement of financial condition of Ascendiant Capital Markets, LLC as of December 31, 2011. This financial statement is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statement based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the statement of financial condition is free of material misstatement. An audit includes consideration of internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the statement of financial condition. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall statement of financial condition presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the statement of financial condition referred to above presents fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Ascendiant Capital Markets, LLC as of December 31, 2011 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Spices Jeffins LLP

Greenwood Village, Colorado February 1, 2012



STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION DECEMBER 31, 2011

ASSETS

Due from clearing broker	\$	1,793,739
Deposit with clearing broker		100,000
Commissions recevable		68,337
Securities owned, at market value		1,866,154
Other assets		137,196
	\$	3,965,426
LIABILITIES AND MEMBER'S EQUITY		
LIABILITIES:		
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	\$	149,555
Commissions and salaries payable		388,676
Securities sold, not yet purchased, at market value		26,864
Due to clearing broker		1,908,934
Total liabilities		2,474,029
COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Notes 3 and 5)		
MEMBER'S EQUITY (Note 2)		1,491,397
	<u>\$</u>	3,965,426

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Organization and Business

Ascendiant Capital Markets, LLC (the "Company") is a single member limited liability company and was organized in the State of Nevada on January 4, 2010. The Company was approved on February 18, 2011 to operate as a securities broker-dealer and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and is a member of the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority, Inc. ("FINRA"). The Company earns revenues from proprietary trading and the sale of securities on a fully disclosed basis. The Company is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ascendiant Capital Partners, LLC ("Parent").

Clearing Agreement

The Company, under Rule 15c3-3(k)(2)(ii), is exempt from the reserve and possession or control requirements of Rule 15c3-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission. The Company does not carry or clear customer accounts. Accordingly, all customer transactions are executed and cleared on behalf of the Company by its clearing broker on a fully disclosed basis. The Company's agreements with its clearing brokers provides that as clearing broker, that firm will make and keep such records of the transactions effected and cleared in the customer accounts as are customarily made and kept by a clearing broker pursuant to the requirements of Rules 17a-3 and 17a-4 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"). It also performs all services customarily incident thereon, including the preparation and distribution of customer's confirmation and statements and maintenance margin requirements under the Act and the rules of the Self Regulatory Organizations of which the Company is a member.

Securities Valuation and Revenue Recognition

The Company records proprietary transactions, commission revenue and related expenses on a tradedate basis. Interest and dividend income are recognized in the period earned.

The Company values its securities in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification 820 - Fair Value Measurements ("ASC 820"). Under ASC 820, fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., the "exit price") in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date.

In determining fair value, the Company uses various valuation approaches. ASC 820 establishes a fair value hierarchy for inputs used in measuring fair value that maximizes the use of observable inputs and minimizes the use of unobservable inputs by requiring that the most observable inputs be used when available. Observable inputs are those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability based on market data obtained from sources independent of the Company. Unobservable inputs reflect the Company's assumption about the inputs market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability developed based on the best information available in the circumstances. The fair value hierarchy is categorized into three levels based on the inputs as follows:

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Securities Valuation and Revenue Recognition (continued)

Level 1 - Valuations based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities that the Company has the ability to access. Valuation adjustments and blockage discounts are not applied to Level 1 securities. Since valuations are based on quoted prices that are readily and regularly available in an active market, valuation of these securities does not entail a significant degree of judgment.

Level 2 - Valuations based on quoted prices in markets that are not active or for which all significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3 - Valuations based on inputs that are unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement.

The availability of valuation techniques and observable inputs can vary from security to security and is affected by a wide variety of factors, including the type of security, whether the security is new and not yet established in the marketplace, and other characteristics particular to the transaction. To the extent that valuation is based on models or inputs that are less observable or unobservable in the market, the determination of fair value requires more judgment. Those estimated values do not necessarily represent the amounts that may be ultimately realized due to the occurrence of future circumstances that cannot be reasonably determined. Because of the inherent uncertainty of valuation, those estimated values may be materially higher or lower than the values that would have been used had a ready market for the securities existed. Accordingly, the degree of judgment exercised by the Company in determining fair value is greatest for securities categorized in Level 3. In certain cases, the inputs used to measure fair value may fall into different levels of the fair value hierarchy. In such cases, for disclosure purposes, the level in the fair value hierarchy within which the fair value measurement falls in its entirety is determined by the lowest level input that is significant to the fair value measurement.

Fair value is a market-based measure considered from the perspective of a market participant rather than an entity-specific measure. Therefore, even when market assumptions are not readily available, the Company's own assumptions are set to reflect those that market participants would use in pricing the asset or liability at the measurement date. The Company uses prices and inputs that are current as of the measurement date, including during periods of market dislocation. In periods of market dislocation, the observability of prices and inputs may be reduced for many securities. This condition could cause a security to be reclassified to a lower level within the fair value hierarchy.

The Company values investments in securities owned and securities sold, not yet purchased based on quoted prices in active markets. These are considered Level 1 securities.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 1 - ORGANIZATION AND SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (continued)

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash equivalents.

Income Taxes

The Company as a limited liability company is not a taxable entity for federal and state income tax purposes, the Company's Parent reports the taxable income of the Company on its tax return.

The Company is required to determine whether a tax position is more likely than not to be sustained upon examination by the applicable taxing authority, including resolution of any tax related appeals or litigation processes, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company files an income tax return in the U.S. federal jurisdiction, and may file income tax returns in various U.S. states. The Company is not subject to income tax return examinations by major taxing authorities for years before 2011 (year of inception). The tax benefit recognized is measured as the largest amount of benefit that has a greater than fifty percent likelihood of being realized upon ultimate settlement. De-recognition of a tax benefit previously recognized results in the Company recording a tax liability that reduces net assets. However, the Company's conclusions regarding this policy may be subject to review and adjustment at a later date based on factors including, but not limited to, on-going analyses of and changes to tax laws, regulations and interpretations thereof. The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income taxes payable, if assessed. No interest expense or penalties have been recognized as of and for the period ended December 31, 2011.

NOTE 2 - NET CAPITAL

Pursuant to the net capital provisions of Rule 15c3-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company is required to maintain a minimum net capital, as defined under such provisions. At December 31, 2011, the Company had net capital and net capital requirements of \$1,041,135 and \$299,500, respectively. The Company's net capital ratio (aggregate indebtedness to net capital) was 0.56 to 1. According to Rule 15c3-1, the Company's net capital ratio shall not exceed 8 to 1, during its initial year of operations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 3 - COMMITMENTS AND RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company has entered into an Expense Sharing and Administrative Services Agreement ("Agreement") with an affiliated company. Under the Agreement the Company paid the related entity \$146,930 for rent and other expenses and at December 31, 2011, included in accounts payable and accrued liabilities was \$9,720 due this related entity and included in prepaid expenses was \$55,000 paid to this entity. In addition, for the period ended December 31, 2011, the Company paid another related entity \$25,208 for commissions and consulting services. On a recurring basis, the Company makes distributions to its Parent based on the Company's earnings.

NOTE 4 - FAIR VALUE MEASUREMENTS

The Company's assets and liabilities recorded at fair value have been categorized based upon a fair value hierarchy in accordance with ASC 820. See Note 1 for a discussion of the Company's policies.

The following table presents information about the Company's assets and liabilities measured at fair value as of December 31, 2011.

	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)		Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)		Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)	Balances as of December 31, 2011	
Securities owned Common stock, including exchange traded funds	\$	1,866,154	<u>\$</u>	-	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	1,866,154
Securities sold, not yet purchased Common stock, including exchange traded funds	<u>\$</u>	26,864	<u>\$</u>	_	<u>\$</u>	<u>\$</u>	26,864

In accordance with FASB Accounting Standards Update No. 2010-06, the Company did not have any significant transfers between Level 1 and Level 2 during the period ended December 31, 2011.

NOTE 5 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES

In the normal course of business, the Company's activities through its clearing broker involve the execution, settlement and financing of various customer securities transactions. These activities may expose the Company to off-balance sheet risk. In the event a customer fails to satisfy its obligations, the Company may be required to purchase or sell financial instruments at prevailing market prices in order to fulfill the customer's obligations.

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

NOTE 5 - FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS, OFF-BALANCE SHEET RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES (concluded)

In the Company's trading activities, the Company has purchased and sold securities for its own account and may incur losses if the market value of the securities changes subsequent to December 31, 2011.

In addition, the Company bears the risk of financial failure by its clearing broker. If the clearing broker should cease doing business, the Company's receivable and deposit from this clearing broker could be subject to forfeiture.

The Company's financial instruments, including due from broker, deposit with clearing broker, receivables, other assets, accounts payable and accrued expenses, commissions and salaries payable and due to clearing broker are carried at amounts that approximate fair value, due to the short-term nature of the instruments. Securities owned and securities sold, but not yet purchased are valued as described in Note 1.

The Company also maintains its cash balances in a financial institution, which at times may exceed federally insured limits. As of December 31, 2011, the Company had no amounts in excess of the federally insured limit. The Company has not experienced any losses in such accounts and believes it is not exposed to any significant credit risk on cash and cash equivalents.

NOTE 6 - SUBSEQUENT EVENTS

The Company has performed an evaluation of subsequent events through date the financial statements were issued. The evaluation did not result in any subsequent events that required disclosures and/or adjustments.